



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT



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PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending Jan 24, 2004, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.5% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 4.5% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease of 5.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending Jan 17, 2004 compared to 12.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	PREV YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
THOUSANDS						
11/29/03	14,579	13,859	11,842	11,653	11,842	11,752
12/06/03	14,436	13,695	11,299	10,958	11,299	11,048
12/13/03	14,403	13,762	11,369	11,250	11,369	11,250
12/20/03	14,322	13,719	12,011	11,507	12,011	11,507
12/27/03	14,316	13,621	11,830	11,278	11,830	11,278
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385
* 01/10/04	14,432	13,634	11,692	11,233	11,694	11,233
* 01/17/04	14,339	13,755	11,592	11,151	11,593	11,151
01/24/04	14,404	13,656	11,741	11,217	11,743	11,217

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 01/31/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	73.58	72.26	60.91	55.91
12-City Composite 2/	72.54	69.79	65.73	60.05

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.